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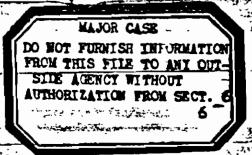
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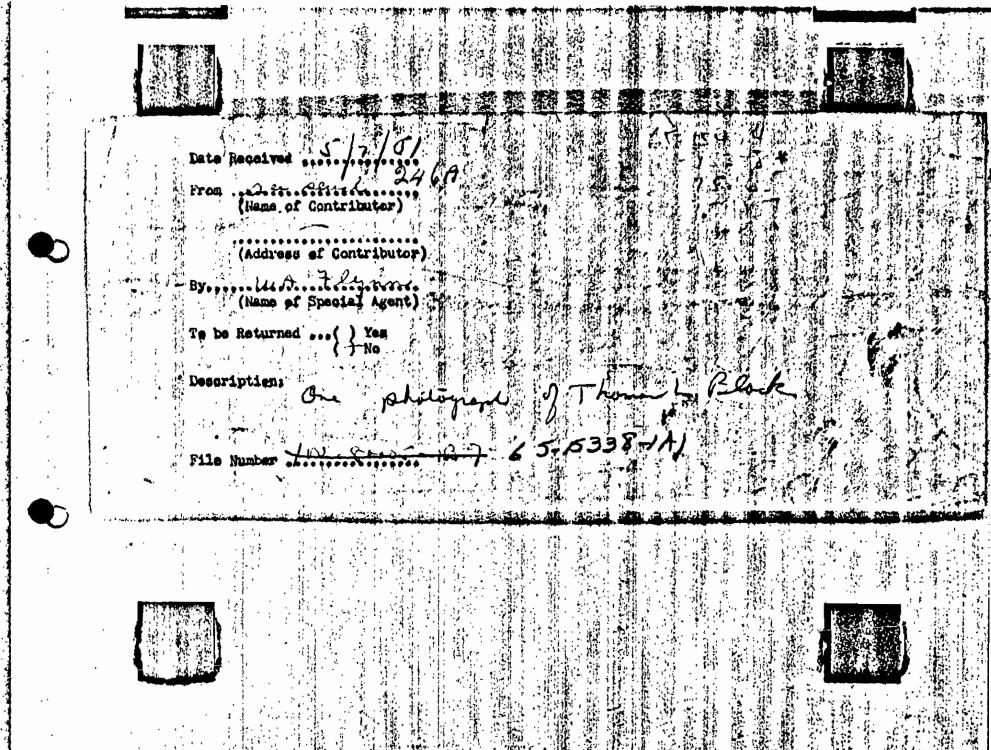
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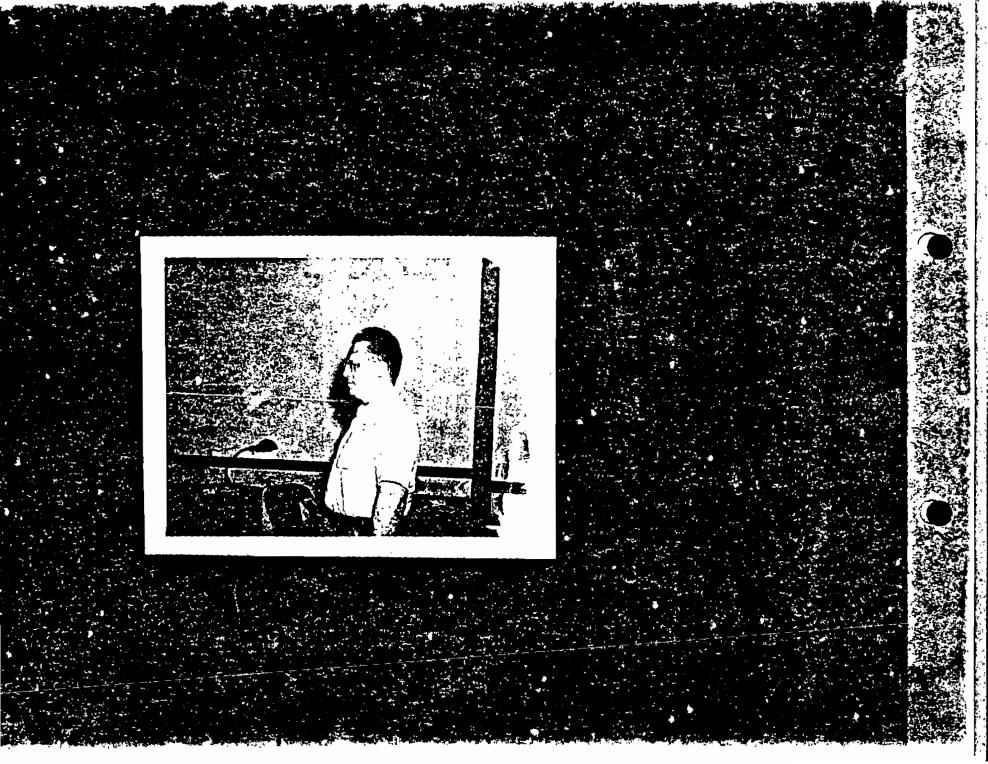
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"June 4, 1950 Philadelphia, Penna.

"I, HARRY GOLD, make the following voluntary statement to T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., and RICHARD E. BRENNAH, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me, and I have been advised that any statement I make may be used against me in a Court of Law, and that I do not have to make any etatement at all.—I have been advised that I have the right to counsel.

"In addition to statement which I gave on June 2, 1950, concerning THOMAS L. BLACK, I wish to make the following additions thereto.

"Sometime in early 1942, the Soviet Union was interested in getting information on penicillin, I believe, and BLACK was attempting to get this information for the Soviet Union. It is my impression that from talks I had with BLACK that during the early 1940's BLACK, in general, was engaged in obtaining information on biologicals for the Soviet Union. In this connection, BLACK took trips to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; New Castle, Delaware; and Chicago, Illinois. He turned over the information he received or these trips to representatives of the Soviet Union, in New York City.

"On occasions it was necessary for me to borrow money in order to finance my espionage activities. On occasions I would borrow this money from BIACK, since he would not ask any questions as to why I needed it. BIACK knew that I was engaged in Soviet espionage. I told BIACK in 1945 that I had been to the southwestern part of the United States in connection with my activities on behalf of the Soviet Union, and told him that I was having trouble getting time off to make my second trip to the Southwest. BLACK knew that this was an important assignment that I was on, but he knew no details whatever.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two additional pages and am signing each page as all the information contained therein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "HARRY COLD
Philadelphia, Fenna.
June 4, 1950."

Witnessed:

T. SCOTT KILLER, JR.
Special Agent - F.B.I. Justice
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"June 5, 1950 Philadelphia, Pa.

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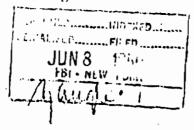
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"I also told him that I had visited FUCHO' sinter who lived here in Cambridge, mass., and that the Y.B.I. would surely locate her and that she could probably identify me. To this, BLACK said that if I was picked up or questioned, I should deny everything because it would be my word against that of another person. I don't think that I told him the name of FUCHS' sister.

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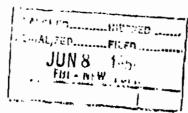
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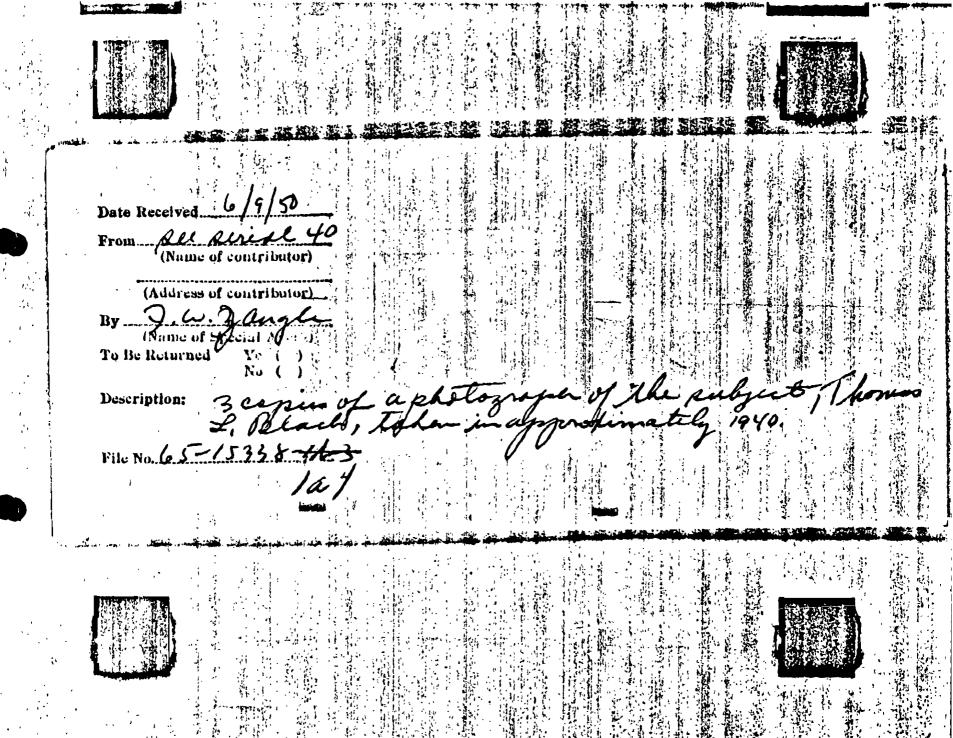
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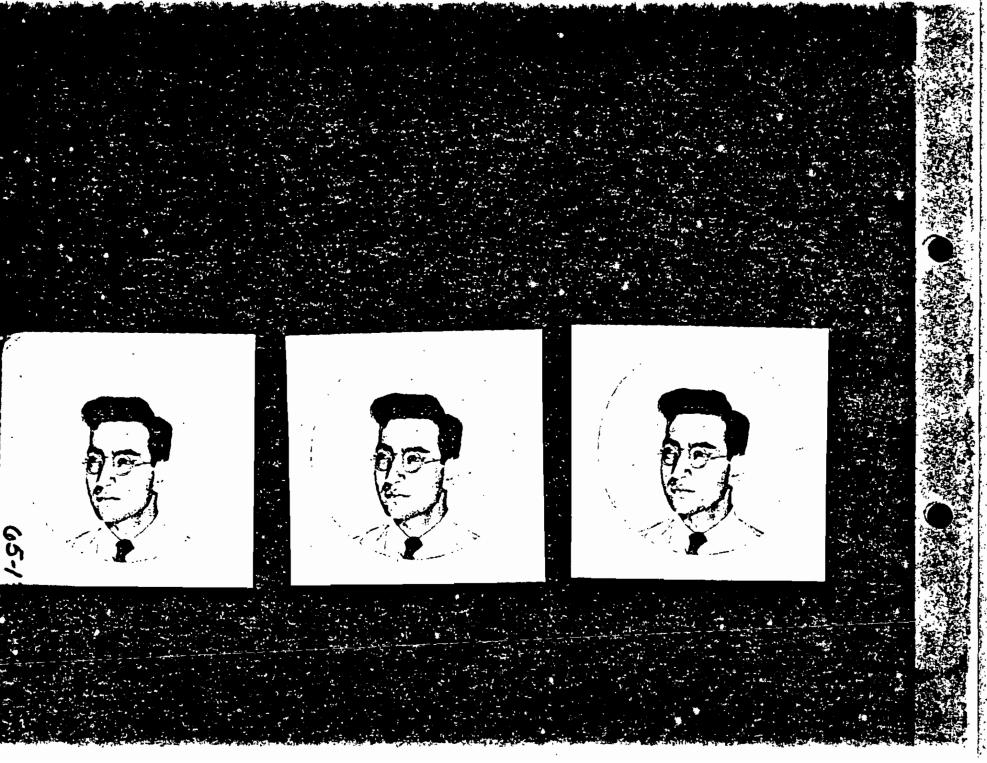








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Philadelphia, Penn. June 2, 1950

I, Harry Gold, hereby make the following voluntary statement to T. Scott Miller, Jr. and Richard E. Brennan, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made me and I realize that I do not have to make any statement at all, and any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. I realize that I have a right to counsel.

In about Feb., 1933 I was given a position with the Holbrook Manufacturing Company in Jersey City, N.J. I took the job of Thomas L. Black who had resigned to accept another position.

Shortly thereafter I attended a Communist Party meeting in Jersey City, N.J. at Black's request, and with Black. Black attempted to get me to join the Communist Party; this attempt was in a very tentative fashion.

In the Spring or Summer of 1935, Black was employed as a chemist by the National Oil Products Co., Harrison, N.J. At that time I was employed by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, Phila., Penn., and had continued my association with Black out of gratitude for his getting me a job during the depression. At this time Black asked me if I could get information from the Pennsylvania Sugar Company relative to processes. Black said that the Russians would be interested in getting the information. Black explained to me that he was in contact with a Russian who was with Amtorg, I believe, and that he (Black) had been giving this Russian chemical processes of the National Oil Products Co., his employer.

Black explained to me that I would have a chance in this way to help the Soviet Union along the road to industrialization. From the first time Black mentioned this, until the latter part of 1935, we had several discussions about supplying the Russians with information. We discussed how we could get material blue printed and photostated.

In the latter part of 1935 I went to New York City with Black, where he introduced me to a man by the name of Paul Smith, who was either a Russian or a Dane. We met in the vicinity of Penn. Station and shortly thereafter Black left Paul and me. Paul and I walked down 7th Ave during which time Paul told me that the Soviet Union was interested in solvents and particularly in a process involving the manufacture of absolute ethyl alcohol on which Dr. Gustav Reich, the chief chemist at Pennsylvania Sugar Company, was working. Paul set the time and place for our next meeting which was about 3 weeks later.

The above contact with Paul was to begin my working for the Soviets. During my association with Paul which lasted until the early part of 1937, I furnished him with information on chemical processes, principally those used by the Franco-American Chemical Works, a subsidiary of Pennsylvania Sugar Co.

At this initial contact, Paul told me that I was never to see Black except on his (Paul's) instructions. However, throughout the years I did see Black on infrequent occasions in violation of these instructions. During one of these times Black described his Russian contact to me and I am sure that it was my Russian contact who I knew only by the name of Sam, and with whom I was associated from about 1941 to 1944 with a lapse of about 7 months from the Spring to the Fall of 1941.

On several occasions Black told me that he had lost contact with the Russians and wanted to know if I knew how he could get in touch with them. I was never able to tell him how he could do it.

During the period of 1937 to the fall of 1938 Black let drop the information that he was engaged in trying to hunt out Trotsky's principal contacts in this country; this was on behalf of the Russians.

As far as I know from what Black very infrequently may have told me, his last contact with the Russians was sometime in 1944.

The last time that I saw Black was about six weeks ago.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and three additional pages and am signing each page inasmuch as all of the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witnessed: Richard E. Brennan Special Agent, F.B.I., Justice Philadelphia, Pa., June 2, 1950

/s/ Harry Gold Philadelphia, Penna. June 2, 1950.

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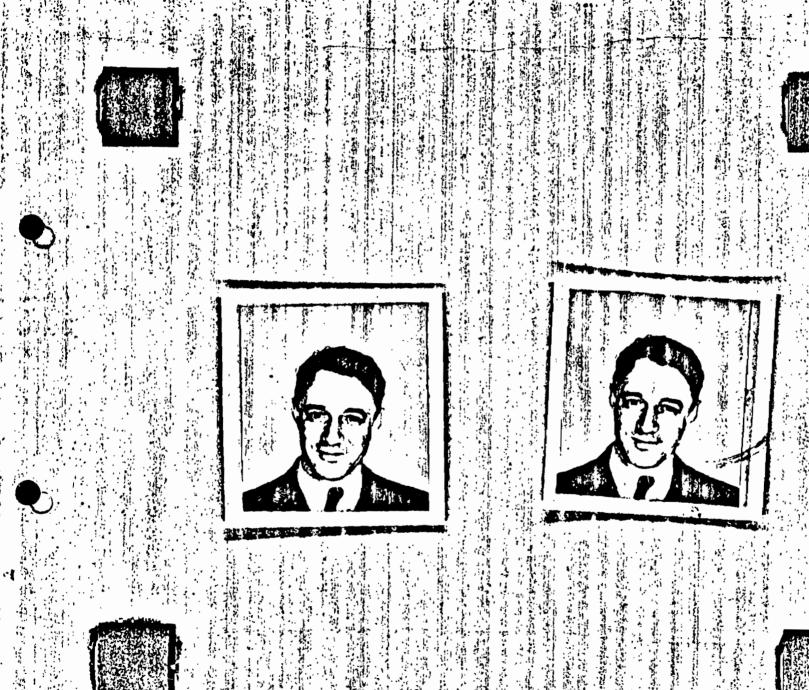


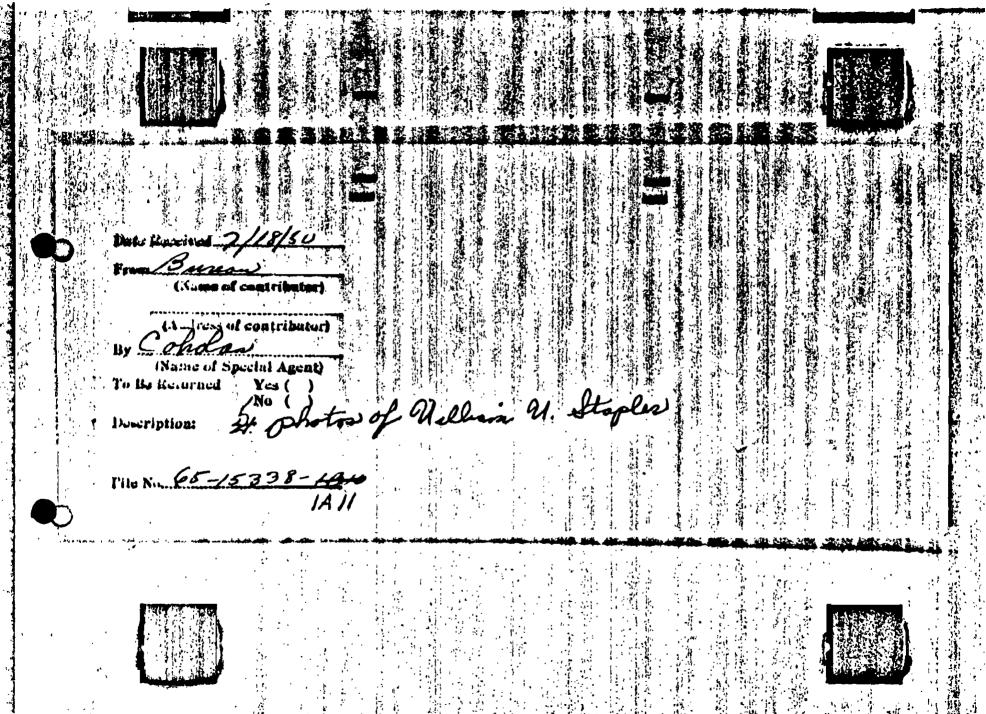






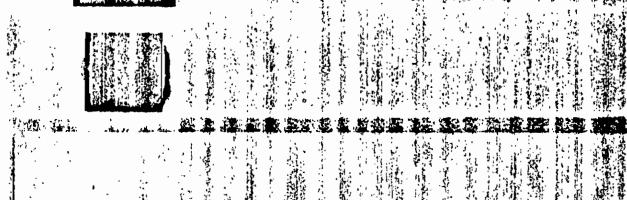














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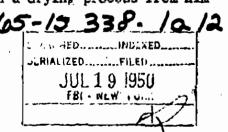
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I, Jacob I. Fass, make the following voluntary statement to John R. Lyons and Louis G. Turner, who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me for this statement and I know it can be used in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to counsel.

I reside at 367 Miller Avenue, Brocklyn, New York, and my place of business is at the Spruce Chemical Company, 177 East Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

I made the acquaintance of Thomas L. Black when we were both employed at the National Oil Products Co. in Harrison, N.J. in 1938. I became better acquainted with him in about 1940-41, and between them and 1944 he confided in me that he had once been engaged in collecting technical information for the Soviet Union. This conversation concerning his activities took place in his apartment at 17 Oxford St., Newark, N.J. My impression was that he confided in me for two reasons. Pirst of all, he felt the need to confide his secret to some one, and he considered me a very close friend. Then, in the course of telling me his story he revealed to me that he was in deathly fear that the OCPU would eventually try to liquidate him, and he asked me, if anything should ever happen to him, to inform an editor of Time Magazine. He pointed to the name in a copy of the magazine, and I did not remember it very clearly, except that the first name was unusual. When the Hiss case broke I realized that Whittaker Chambers was probably the man Black had referred to. Hegy was quite dramatic about these revelations, and told we that he was the only man in the United States to have been awarded the Order of Lenin, though the medal was not delivered to him. It was a fantastic story, and he seemed to think that he had been important, while I felt that his ustimate of his role was exaggerated.

As I understood it, his work consisted of gathering technical information from chemists and engineers employed in various commercial companies. Some of it he paid for, others furnished the information free, I suppose. In the course of the conversations we had on this subject I recall only the following incidents being mentioned. In the course of research on penicillin, we came across the name of E. W. Flosdorf, and Tom told me that he knew him: that he had purchased a drying process from him



on behalf of the Soviet Government. He mentioned a communist sympathizer at Calco, and I concluded myself that that person might have been another one of his contacts. He told me vaguely about the apparatus involved. I gathered that Chambers was one of his contacts, perhaps his superior. He said that there was a man on the top floor of the C.P. head warters in N.Y. who directed the Soviet espionage in the U.S. His name was Brown or some such common name, and though the actual personage changed from time to time, the name remained the same. He also said that all Amtorg and other Soviet officials were engaged in espionage. Whether he knew this from personal contact with all of them or by extrapolation, and information gathered through subsequent contacts in the Trotskylte movement, I cannot say.

He had told me previously that he had left the C.P. in 1933 when they had failed to prevent the rise of Hitler. When he decided to cease .his activities for the Soviet Union he realized what the consequences might be. In fact, he told me that when he refused to continue about 2 agents tried to forcibly remove him from the country, and drove him to the Canadian border, in Michigan, if I remember correctly. He escaped by telling them that they could not get away with it: that he would tell the border guards that he was being forcibly taken, and to his surprise the agents could not think of a strategem to stop him from doing this and so released him. Thereafter he had lived in constant fear of his life. Now, as this had all transpired a considerable time ago, I was inclined to minimize his .c.amperience, and told him that at this late date it was unreasonable for him to continue fearing the OGFU. He quoted to mo the fates of other deserters from the Soviet camp, as Krivitsky, and others, who died under mysterious circumstances. I told him that he had not been bothered since, and that he was probably too unimportant for them to worry about now, expecially since they were now better recognized, and had to be more careful. It was my view that he had been less important then he had thought, and that if, with his known Trotzkyite background since then, he had not been molested, he was probably past danger. Nevertheless, he continued to worry. One day, when I was at his apriment, he got a phone call from some party, and whon he hung up he said that it was some one he had known in the past, and that he feared that this person was a representative of the DGPU who wanted to see him again. My impression was that it was a person whom he had known as a communist, though he was not certain that this man was actually involved in espionage activity. I told him to forget about the call, and as far as I know there was no further development along this line.

At the time I mit Tom Black he was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, and had been, as I understood it, since 1933. He remained a member until at least some time before he moved to Fhiladelphia. To the best of my knowledge, in all of his time in Philadelphia he was no longer active politically, but was a disillusioned former radical. In many conversations between us he explained to me why he had quit the C.P. and what was wrong with their policies. He left in 1933 because he felt

that they abould have been able to prevent the rise of the Nazis, considering their great strength in Cermany at the time. His feelings were that the mission of the C.P. was to sabotage any real growth of communism or socialism. The views he expressed to me were those that any socialist or Trotzkyite might have given regarding the role of the C.F.: their use of labor unions, front organizations and other groups merely as instruments of Soviet policy, and not for any sincere purposes of improving the lot of the workers or people. While working at his apartment I came across some Kodachrome slides of Trotzky, and he revealed to me that they were pictures that he had taken when he had visited Mexico. I gathered that they were shown at meetings of the S.W.P., and that Tom was an important member of the group, if for no other reason than that there were so few of them. He told me of his trip to Mexico - ty plane, I believe - and his visit with Trotzky. One night, in the presence of Charles Freefield, he showed me the pictures of Trotzky with a slide projector, along with other pictures. Most of them showed Trotzky tending his pet rabbits. On one occasion he took me on an outing of the SNP to Lake Hopatcong. was a small group, and every one seemed to know Tom very well. He was called Tom. For all I knew most of the others were using aliases. Among the group was Betty Morrow, the wife of Felix, who was in jail at the time as a result of the Minneapolis trial. After the swimming there was a brief seminar, at which a man named George (I forget his full name) gave a talk which was on theoretical economics. There was almost no discussion. It was obvious that Tom was on good terms with all of the members present.

On one occasion Tom gave me a book, written by one of the S.W.P. leaders, giving a history of the Spanish Civil War. He said it would explain how the communists sabotaged the loyalists. The details of this were too complicated for me to follow. It was clear to me, thourh, that he was a thoroughly sincere Trotzkyite, and a severe opponent of the Communists. He always maintained that he was a communist with a small ser.

I knew that Harry Gold was a good friend of Tom's. On about 3 occasions I met Gold, and he seemed an affable fellow, who talked almost exclusively of chemistry. As far as I knew; and as far as Tom knew, Gold had no political interests whatsoever.

When the news of Harry Gold's arrest was published Tom told me how shocked he was. He could not understand it, for he had known Gold as a gentle fellow, and a loyal friend. He could not conceive of this man whom he had known as being guilty of the acts with which he was charged. Because he had known him so well, the shock was very deep.

Several weeks after Gold's arrest, and after the F.B.I. had revealed in an interview that they knew about this, Tom told me that he had been told by Gold a few weeks before his arrest that Gold was the man being sought as the contact of Flaus Fuchs. (The time had been one night when he had gone to pick up a radio at the apartment of my cousin. He was home early, and so could not have spoken to Gold for more than a few minutes.) All I could say to him was "Now you tell me." It was too late to do anything now.

From my intimate knowledge of Tom Black I feel that he broke completely and unequivocally with the C.P. and the Soviet Union in 1933. He immediately joined the Trotzkyite movement, so that he could not have continued working for them much beyond that year. Aside from nedding to former acquaintances from the C.P. who did not know of his break, he had no contact with members of the C.P. except accidentally or socially. In the course of numerous conversations he convinced me of the depth and sincerity of his anti-soviet feelings. I cannot imagine even the cleverest spy feigning a hatred for the C.P. in such compete detail and with such evident fervor. Since my own aversion to the Soviet system was strong, he was happy to reinforce it with detailed arguments drawn from his experience in the radical parties. In the years 1945 to now, when we were in Philadelphia, I knew almost every step he made, and where he was at almost every time of the day, and to the best of my knowledge he engaged in no political activity of any sort. His contacts with the Trotzkyites were limited to personal gossip of former acquaintances. had no contacts in Philadelphia. However, his hatred for Stalinism continued, and does to this day.

I never suggested that Black tell the authorities about his activities on behalf of the Soviet Government for the following reasons. First of all, no government documents were involved. He had only transmitted commercial secrets, which at best or worst could help Russia build her economy. Secondly, at the time he had helped them, Russia was a structling backward country, and not considered a monace to this country. Only dedicated socialists and Trotzkyites considered her a menace then. Finally, it had happened in the past, and the agents involved had probably long since been recalled, according to his own testimony. Further, he felt that Whittaker Chambers, who had been in a much more responsible position, could have told more than he, and it did not seem he could contribute anything of value.

As for the reason why Tom did not turn Cold in, he told mo that he could not do it, because he considered Cold a friend. Hy view is that Tom, who is given to deep emotional feelings, had this strong feeling of friendship for Gold, and could not bring himself to realize that the admirable fellow he had known had another aspect to his personality. He could only remember the Gold he knew. Perhaps on further reflection he would have recognized the other aspect of the man, and taken action. But Gold was arrested before he could come to any decision.

I have personally typed the above statement, consisting of 5 pages, and it is true and correct.

Jacob I. Fass

Witness:

John R. Lyons Special Agent FBI - 7/17/50 Louis G. Turner, Special Agent, FBI - 7/17/50

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Philadelphia requested that we check at the airport here to determine whether or not any ships had come in within the past twelve or twenty-four hours from Rome. We should obtain all passenger lists and check them to see if any passengers were bound for an address in Ihiladelphia at Second and Chew Streets. Philadelphia will later furnish us the complete descrittive data of the unknown resubject.

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Additional photos of JOSEPH KATZ are being sent with a copy of this letter to Philadelphia. Included for exhibition to GOID are two copies each of photos taken in 1930, 1941, 1945, 1948 and 1949. The 1945 and 1948 were previously exhibited to GOID.

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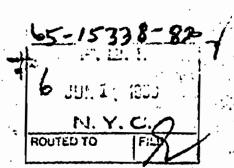
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SAC CORNELIUS of the Philadelphia Office called me at 6:05 P. M. on June 16th instant and requested that we locate and interview immediately VERA KANE at the Sherman Square Hotel, New York City.

Mr. CORNELIUS stated that on interrogation, HELLER had said that he had lived with KANE one year in 1934 at 335 West lith Street, New York City. HELLER says that he had broken off his friendship with BIACK because BIACK had been paying attention to KANE. HELLER has stated that he has seen KANE off and on since that time and that she knew of BIACK and HELLER'S contacts at Amtorg.

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